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On 21 March 1952, the Reiter Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse, Beeskow (W 53/V (A)), was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulettes. Fifteen officers and 98 men wearing red-bordered black epaulettes without branch-of-service insignia and eight 160-mm mortars drawn by troops were seen entering the installation. About 20 soldiers carried boxes on their backs, 1 soldier carried a cable reel and 1 soldier a surveyor's staff. There was no vehicular traffic. *

25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms the 160th Gds Mort Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div in the Reiter Kaserne, Beeskow, until 21 March 1952. A number of mortar regiments of other tank and mechanized divisions in the Soviet Zone of Germany, have also been reported to have 160-mm mortars. It could not be determined whether the regiments were increased by a third battalion with 12 x 160-mm mortars or whether the second battalion was reequipped with 160-mm mortars. [REDACTED]

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